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Spain's Cotton Production Recovers to Highest Level in Four Years

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Report Highlights:

MY2018/19 Spanish cotton planted area grew by two percent compared to MY2017/18. Despite slightly lower yield, the increase in planted area led Spain to achieve one of highest cotton production levels in a decade.

Disclaimer: This report presents the situation for cotton in Spain. This report contains the views of the authors and does not reflect the official views of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The data are not official USDA data.

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Abbreviations used in this report

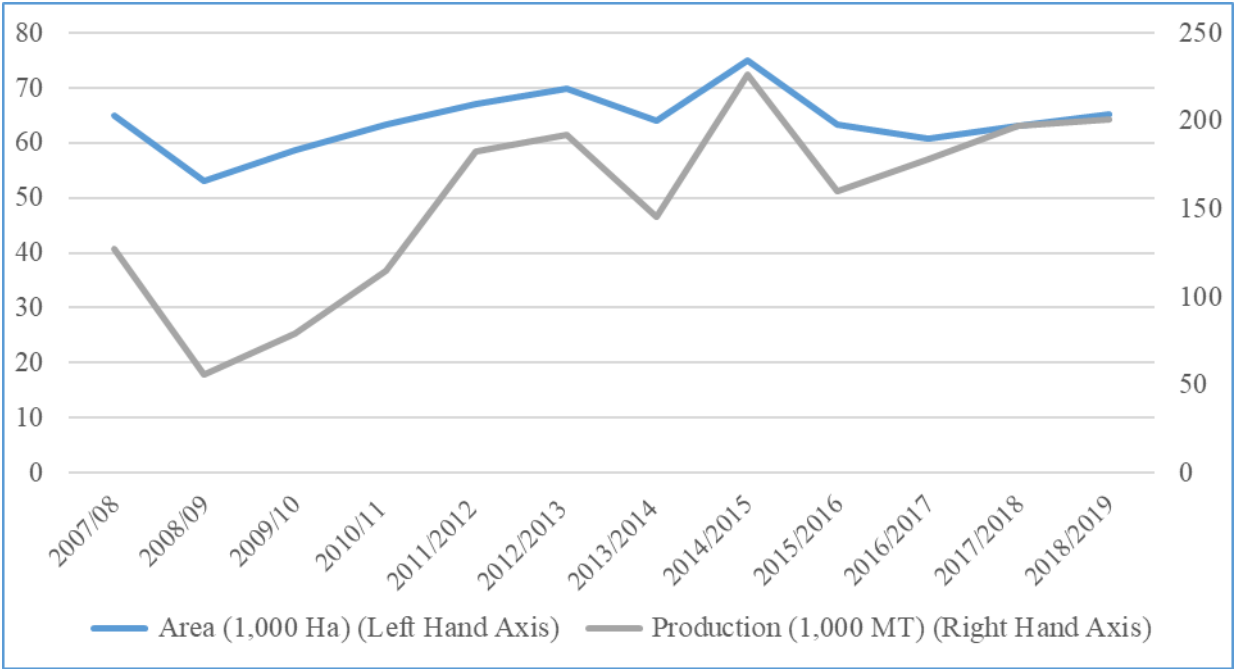
Bales (1 Bale = 217.724 kg =480 lbs)
EU European Union
FAS Foreign Agricultural Service
GE Genetically engineered
Ha Hectares (1 Ha = 2.471 acres)
Harmonized Codes for Lint Cotton (HS code): 5201
MAPA: Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
MS EU Member State(s)
MT Metric ton (1,000 kg)
MY Marketing year (Aug/Jul)
N/A Not Available
PS&D Production, Supply and Demand

General information

Cotton is an input intensive crop. The vast majority of cotton cultivated in Spain is grown under irrigation, which contributes to stabilizing yields. While the EU (European Union) does not allow the planting of GE (Genetically Engineered) cotton varieties, farmers rely exclusively on the use of pesticides to reduce pest incidence. Abundant precipitations between March and early June ([SP1818](#)) delayed Spanish cotton planting, development, and harvesting operations, which have only started as of the beginning of October 2018. Industry sources report that pest incidence during this year’s cotton crop development has been rather low.

According to the latest official statistics by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPA), in 2018, the Spanish cotton planted area registered an increase of three percent compared to the planted area in 2017. Industry sources anticipate higher production levels, but lower yields than those obtained in 2017, when the cotton crop achieved excellent yields.

Graph 1. Evolution of Spain’s Cotton Area and Production



Source: FAS Madrid based on MAPA, Junta de Andalucía data and FAS Madrid estimates.

Production, Supply and Demand Data Statistics

Table 2. Cotton Lint Production, Supply and Demand

Cotton Market Begin Year Spain	2016/2017		2017/2018		2018/2019	
	Aug 2016		Aug 2017		Aug 2018	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted	61	61	63	63	65	65
Area Harvested	61	61	63	63	65	65
Beginning Stocks	20	20	26	26	50	53
Production	267	267	294	294	295	300
Imports	11	11	15	15	15	13
MY Imports from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	298	298	335	335	360	366
Exports	247	247	245	252	275	270
Use	25	25	30	30	30	35
Loss	0	0	10	0	0	0
Total Dom. Cons.	25	25	40	30	30	35
Ending Stocks	26	26	50	53	55	61
Total Distribution	298	298	335	335	360	366
Stock to Use %	9.56	9.56	18.18	18.79	18.03	20
Yield	953	953	1016	1016	988	1005

(1000 HA) ,1000 480 lb. Bales ,(PERCENT) ,(KG/HA)

Source: FAS Madrid estimates.

Related Reports

Report	Date Released
Cotton and Products – Spain Annual 2018	04/06/2018
Cotton and Products – Spain Annual 2017	04/03/2017